



## Prayer List

### BIRMINGHAM

-Don Bravaldo

### COLUMBUS

-Rona Phillips

### HOME

-Isobel Prater

-Bill Pugh

-Bob Webeler

-Emil Wright

## A WORD FROM OUR SENIOR PASTORS

Stewardship Dinner  
Sunday, September 22

Nick and I have now been at FPC Auburn long enough that the years are starting to run together. As we sit down to look at calendars and chart out annual events, sometimes our conversations end up sounding something like:

“Which Sunday do we normally do the Stewardship Dinner?”

“Is that the one where we’ve had committee chairs talk or do we do the talking?”

“I thought that was the one we did on a Thursday night.”

“Were there children’s activities planned? Did we have the nursery open?”

Maybe you are new enough around here that your mind is sharp and fresh. Or, maybe you’re like us and all the fun times just start to blend together after awhile. Either way, we’re happy to tell you about what the Generosity Committee has in store for this year’s Stewardship Dinner and hope you will make plans to come!

- Unlike the past several years, this year’s Stewardship Dinner is **catered**, not potluck.
- In order that we might be good stewards, we hope you will RSVP by going to the following link and telling us who from your family will be attending: <https://tinyurl.com/Stewardship19>
- For families with children and youth, nursery care will be provided and regular Sunday evening activities will be going on for children ages preK-12th grade.
- Please bring a dessert to share!

Our dedicated Generosity Committee members will unveil the theme of this year’s Stewardship Campaign and provide us with a program to encourage reflection upon all the ways God has been moving in our midst throughout the last year. We will also look ahead to 2020 to see what hopes our session envisions for our various ministry areas. Each of you will be challenged and, we hope, inspired to think about how your God-given talents, precious time, and financial resources might help strengthen the work God is calling us to as a congregation.

We hope to see you there!

Peace,  
Kathy & Nick

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## FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE NEWS

### *Weekly Calendar*

#### **Sunday, September 15**

- 8:30 AM -Communion (Chapel)
- 9:45 AM -Sunday School
- 11:00 AM -Worship (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 PM -Chancel Bell Choir
- 5:00 PM -Youth Dinner & Fellowship
- 6:45 PM -UKirk Dinner & Bible Study

#### **Monday, September 16**

- 6:15 PM -Session Meeting (Conway)

#### **Tuesday, September 17**

- 12:00 PM -PCM Board Meeting (Library)

#### **Wednesday, September 18**

- 11:30 AM -Women's Bible Study (Library)

#### **Thursday, September 19**

- 5:15 PM -Congregational Dinner
- 7:00 PM -Choir Rehearsal

#### **Saturday, September 21**

- 9:00 AM -Choir Retreat (Conway)

#### **Sunday, September 22**

- 8:30 AM -Communion (Chapel)
- 9:45 AM -Sunday School
- 11:00 AM -Worship (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 PM -Stewardship Kickoff Dinner
- 5:30 PM -Youth Fellowship

#### **Wednesday, September 25**

- 11:30 AM -Women's Bible Study (Library)

#### **Thursday, September 26**

- 5:15 PM -Congregational Dinner
- 7:00 PM -Choir Rehearsal

#### **Saturday, September 28**

- Parking Lot Open AU vs. Miss. St. TBD

To say that we all lead busy lives is an understatement. We have many family and community obligations that demand attention. We make plans for activities. We join various social groups. The list goes on. However, I am keenly aware of the need for balance in life. We also need silence or times of quiet to restore our minds and bodies. The challenge is to find ways to incorporate quiet in the midst of our daily lives.

You might think "How do I find any time at all to be still?" "What location offers a place of quiet?" "How can I create time or place for stillness?" Knowing the health benefits of balance between activity and stillness, I want to suggest some ideas and encourage you to creatively adapt or add to my list. Here are some ideas:

- Set aside 10 - 15 minutes daily for yourself. You can choose anytime of the day that works. Some ideas include: On first rising in the morning, read a Bible verse or say a prayer and reflect on your thoughts. At the end of the day before turning out your lights, review your day's activities and reflect on the joys of the day. Leave the problems alone for another time.
- Take a brief walk for 10 - 15 minutes. It can be outside or in a building. While walking, listen to calm music; tune out items that require thinking as decisions can come later; talk to yourself in your mind while walking.
- Create a small site in your home where you can sit comfortably and read a short item. It can be a short story, a poem, a portion of Scripture, a written prayer. It will take you away from your usual thoughts and actions and provide a sense of calmness.
- Sit outside and listen to the sounds of nature. Birds have interesting calls. Squirrels run and chase. Flowers quietly bloom offering a variety of colors and shapes.

The important thing is that you find a way to unwind and restore your body and mind and even your soul!

Your Faith Community Nurses,  
Jan Widell & Erin Brown

Sep. 22 - Flu Clinic, 9 a.m.

Sep. 29 - Blood Drive, 9 a.m.

#### **Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time -**

September 15, 2019

- 8:30 a.m. - Communion (Chapel)
- 11:00 a.m. - Worship (Sanctuary)
- Worship Leader: Rev. Nick Reed

#### **Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time -**

September 22, 2019

- 8:30 a.m. - Communion (Chapel)
- 11:00 a.m. - Worship (Sanctuary)
- Worship Leader: Rev. Nick Reed

## CE NEWS

-Sunday, Sept. 15: Children and Youth activities begin with dinner at 5:00 p.m. in Baird Hall and then activities for children and youth from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

-Sunday, Sept. 22: Children and Youth activities will follow the Stewardship Kickoff dinner at 5:00 p.m. in Baird Hall.

-Sat., Sept. 28: Football parking for the Auburn vs. Miss. State game. Our parking lot will open - TBD Parking spaces are \$30 each and are sold on a first come, first served basis.

Mark Your Calendars! Our Jr and Sr High Youth are heading to Living River! October 12 and 13 we will join youth from around the presbytery for a retreat that will include worship, music, fellowship, recreation, and lots of fun! To register, email Chris Sarkowski at [csarkowski@fpcauburn.org](mailto:csarkowski@fpcauburn.org). The cost is \$60 per person. More details to come!

If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call!  
Chris Sarkowski

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## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, September 15, at the conclusion of the 11 a.m. worship service, for the purpose of electing elders and trustee for the class of 2022. The church's nominating committee is submitting the following slate: elders - Susan Fillippeli, Barbara Fletcher, Clay Price, Thomas Pope, Bobbie Thurlow, Mike Williams, Nathan Wohleb, Kirstin Yost; trustee - Sandra Spencer. Alternate nominations will be accepted from the floor. The committee will also present the prospective slate for the 2020 Nominating Committee: Graves Lovell, Amanda Smith, Hallie Stewart, Myrna Walker, Stites Whatley.

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## ADULT CHOIR RETREAT

The choir is having a special rehearsal on Saturday, Sep 21, at 9 a.m. to begin working on Christmas/Advent music. If you have ever considered singing in the choir this is an excellent time to join. See Dale Peterson or any choir member for additional information.

## *Birthdays*

Sep. 15 Mary Parsons  
Sep. 16 Herb White  
Sep. 18 Henry Brandhorst  
Sep. 20 Jenny Shaffer  
Sep. 21 Trey Fisher, Jay Gogue  
Sep. 23 Carolyn Crandell, Wyatt Yost  
Sep. 26 Pete Rouillard  
Sep. 28 Jack Arnold, Mandy Wisdom

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## RECEPTIONISTS

September 16-20

AM -Becky Buchanan, Carolyn Williams, Mary Parsons, Mary Dalrymple, Larry McQueen.

PM - Sandra Spencer, Carolyn Williams, Mary Simon, Emily Klinkenberg, Joan Foil.

September 23-27

AM - Larry McQueen, ?, Marianne Cone, Jim Disque, Denise Salo.

PM - Bonney Schowalter, Carol Griffin, Mary Parsons, Olyne Fischer, Vicki Throckmorton.

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## THURSDAY DINNERS

Please join us for our weekly congregational dinner in Baird Hall. We begin serving at 5:15 p.m. and continue until 6 p.m. The cost of the meals is \$5/person with a maximum of \$10/family. College students eat for only \$2.00. No reservations are required.

Sep. 19 - Menu: Pork Loin, Baked Rice, Pear Salad, Rolls, Buttermilk Chocolate Cake.

Sep. 26 - **Reservations required by Sep. 19!**  
Menu: Fried Chicken, English Peas, Mashed Potatoes, French Bread, Lemon Pie.

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## CHURCH WORK DAY

Saturday, October 12, the property committee is hosting a church work day, beginning at 8 a.m. Stay tuned for more information!